

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly rewrite paragraphs 0011 and 0012 as follows. The marked-up version of paragraph 0011 and 0012 is shown in Exhibit II.

[0011] Each support component 13 of the universal accessory-mounting assembly 10 may be engaged to other components of the universal accessory-mounting assembly 10 in any of a number of different ways and may, therefore, be moveable relative to none, some, or all of the other support components 13. The more support components 13 each support component 13 is moveable relative to, the greater is the flexibility of the position in which the accessory 22 can be mounted relative to the base structure 16 to which the universal accessory-mounting assembly 10 is mounted to. In the preferred embodiment, therefore, each of the support components 13 are uniaxially pivotally engaged to one another at a point adjacent their accessory-support end 15. In this preferred embodiment each support component 13 is engaged to each other support component 13 by a pivot bolt 25 that extends through apertures defined through pivot structures 46 of each support component 13. Each pivot structure 46 of each support component 13 is either rigidly engaged to the support component 13 adjacent its accessory-support end 15 or is part of the accessory-support end 15 of the support component 13. The pivot structures 46 of two support components 13 that are uniaxially pivotally engaged to one another by a pivot bolt are captured between a head of the pivot bolt 25 and a nut that is threadedly engaged to the pivot bolt 25. The axis of each pivot bolt 25 of the preferred embodiment of the universal accessory-mounting assembly 10 is the axis about which the two support components 13 engaged to one another by the pivot bolt 25 may rotate relative to one another. Additionally, in the preferred embodiment, in the interest of added stability of the universal accessory-mounting assembly 10 the axis of each of the pivot bolts 25 which engages two support components 13 to one another is oriented at an angle to the axes of each of the other pivot bolts 25. It will also be understood that, while in the preferred embodiment each support component 13 is directly pivotally engaged to another support component 13, a universal accessory-mounting assembly 10 according to the present invention may include one or more intermediate components to which two or more support components 13 are pivotally engaged and through which those support components 13 are, thus, pivotally engaged to one another. Of course it will be understood that there are a number of other structures such as pins or axles that could be utilized to uniaxially pivotally engage the support components 13 to one another. Additionally, in the preferred embodiment, all of the

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base-attachment structures 17 of the universal accessory-mounting assembly 10 are biaxially pivotally engaged to their respective support components 13 through ball-and-socket joints 24. Thus, the universal accessory mounting assembly 10 of the preferred embodiment can be mounted to base structures 16 of virtually any shape and, through adjustment of the relative orientations its support components 13 are mounted in, can support the accessory anywhere within a wide range of positions relative to the base structure 16. Of course it will be understood also that support components 13 of the universal accessory-mounting assembly 10 may be moveably engaged to one another and yet not be able to move relative to one another when the universal accessory-mounting assembly 10 is properly mounted to a base structure 16. For example the universal accessory-mounting assembly 10 of the preferred embodiment has three support components 13, each of which is uniaxially pivotally engaged to the others, yet, when the universal accessory-mounting assembly 10 is properly mounted to a base structure 16 these support components 13 cannot move relative to one another. For purposes of this disclosure, therefore, support components 13, that are engaged to one another in such a manner that they are uniaxially pivotal relative to one another when the universal accessory-mounting assembly 10 is not mounted to a base structure 16, will be considered uniaxially pivotally engaged to one another whether or not the universal accessory-mounting assembly 10 is mounted to a base structure 16.

[0012] While it is desirable to allow the support components 13 to pivot relative to one another during the mounting of the universal accessory-mounting assembly 10 to a base structure 16 so that their relative positions and orientations may be adjusted, it is generally preferable that the support components 13 are relatively rigidly engaged to one another after the universal accessory-mounting assembly 10 is mounted. It is preferable that the support components 13 be relatively rigidly engaged to one another after the universal accessory-mounting assembly 10 is mounted to minimize undesirable movement of the accessory 22 relative to the base structure 16. For this reason a universal accessory-mounting assembly 10 that includes support components 13, which are uniaxially pivotally engaged to one another may also include structure to selectively secure the angular orientation of the support components 13 relative to one another. According to the present invention pivoting of one support component 13 relative to another is prevented, and the support components 13 are relatively rigidly located relative to one another by clamping the pivot structures 46 of the support components 13 between the head of the pivot bolt 25 that engages them to one another and the nut that is threadedly engaged to the pivot bolt 25. In order to allow adjustment of the orientations of the support components 13 relative to one another during mounting of the universal accessory-mounting assembly 10, the nut that is threadedly engaged to each pivot bolt 25 can